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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

Project Location: Walker, CA

Lead Agency: County of Mono

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In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.), an Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the project.

Project Description

The Mountain Gate Fishing Project will consist of an ADA accessible boardwalk and fishing platform, along with upgrades to the unpaved parking area and a flood resistant and ADA accessible vault toilet. An ADA accessible nature trail along the West Walker River is also anticipated to be constructed. Other potential amenities include picnic and resting spots, day use areas, therapeutic exercise stations (a “par course”) for senior citizens and disabled persons, a side channel restoration, and an interpretive kiosk.

Environmental Review and Comment

We expect the State & public review period will extend for a 30 day period from October 12, 2006 through November 10, 2006.

A Negative Declaration has been deemed appropriate for this project. This proposed Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment. Public comment on the Draft Initial

Study/Negative Declaration can be provided by mail, facsimile, or e-mail during the 30 day period. Comments should be sent to Haven Kiers, Assistant Planner, P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; fax number (760) 924-1801; email – hkiers@mono.ca.gov.. For further information call (760) 924-1800.

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations: Mono County Community Development Department located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite P, Mammoth Lakes, California, on the county website - <http://monocounty.ca.gov/>, and at the County Clerk's Office at 74 North School Street in Bridgeport, CA.

The proposed Negative Declaration along with any comments will be considered by Mono County in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by County.

Enclosures: Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form
15 copies of Draft Initial Study